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For: METHOD FOR TRANSISTOR GATE DIELECTRIC LAYER WITH UNIFORM NITROGEN CONCENTRATION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above identified application, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks.